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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

Many in the hobby are ecstatic with the recent and constant output of commemorative coins. Many in our hobby are happy that the long drought with commemoratives has ended. Many in numismatics are thankful that these coins have added another facet to the hobby.

I disagree. Not that I oppose the recent issues, nor am I objecting, per se, for future proposals.

My argument--my disapproval--is that now Congress, using its Constitutional powers over coinage, has begun to do what helped destroyed commemoratives over four decades ago: over issues and numerous varieties.

True, what has been commemorated and proposed are rightly national topics worthy of celebration via coins. True, the monies earned are destined for noble causes: national debt repayment, Olympics, or such. True, these commemoratives have enhanced our hobby and sparked renewed interest.

However, my complaint remains. When and with what are commemoratives to be minted: will there be three denominations minted with each issue? Will all Branch Mints strike the issue? Will a Double Eagle or larger denomination be authorized? Can the quality and creativity of designs be improved? These are some of my concerns, echo only be a few, but still most poignant.

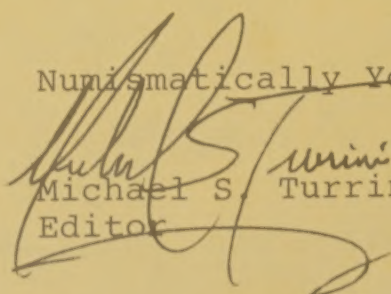
Back in 1948, then President Truman vetoed a commemorative issue stating in his strongly and soundly written veto message that one commemorative issue only leads to others, thus "starting down an endless path". His point is well-taken and deserving of concern by coin hobbyists of 1980s.

The issue should not be commemoratives for commemorative sake, rather what rightly deserve the unique commemorative privilege.

The point being simply, but profoundly, when and with what do we, both the coin hobby fraternity and public, draw the line or do we allow, as in years past, greed to govern the nobility of our motives?

Best Wishes and Thanks.

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

1987 Coin Show and Exposition

Is now history. The annual NCNA event attracted about 3500 in attendance with collectors in domination over investors.

There were few, if any, complaints registered.

NCNA thanks all who contributed to this recent Coin Show and Exposition's success and special thanks go the speakers:

Dr. Howard C. Lonsdale, 'Victoria's Many Faces'

G. Lee Kuntz, 'United States Half Cents' and
'To Sink A Die'

Ron Kelichner, 'Breweriana'

Recognition also goes most especially to Dean Soderstrom, who with little lead-time, coordinated the Youth Program.

There were some problem areas: poor response to exhibiting and poor attendance at some of the speakers plus terrible Raffle sales; however, NCNA, on the whole, had a successful 1987 Coin Show and Exposition.

1987 Coin Show and Exposition Exhibit Winners

Best-of-Show: David W. Lange, 'Seated Liberty Half Dollars
of San Francisco Mint'

First Place: MaCarmen Torres-Fuertas, 'Spanish Civil War
Provincial Coinage'

Second Place: Douglas C. Daniels, 'Columbian Exposition Medals'

Third Place: Edward Sins, 'Symbols On Our Dollar'

1988 Coin Show and Exposition

The 27th Annual Coin Show and Exposition is scheduled for September 15, 16, 17, and 18, 1988, the third weekend in September. Location remains the Cathedral Hill Hotel. All other details are pending.

Coin Show Directory

Has been included with this Issue. Please retain, refer to, and support by attendance coin club coin shows.

It is the policy and goal of NCNA that coin club coin shows are to

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be enhanced and encouraged via coin hobbyist support over the various
commerical coin shows.

New Coin Club List

The Eleventh Issue of the Coin Club List has just been published. Requests for copies and to provide badly needed updated current information on northern California coin clubs, NCNA Club Member or not, write to:

O. L. Wallis
Coin Club List Coordinator
58 Tan Oak Circle
San Rafael, California 94903

1988 Officers

The recent election had the results of:

Robert Mish, President
Ron Miller, First Vice-President
Maxine Hopperstad, Second Vice-President
Edward Sins, Treasurer
Brain Kestner, Secretary

The contested presidential position brought out the most balloting in years. Constance Perham, although defeated by just four votes, will remain involved as a Club Delegate, representing San Jose Coin Club. Denis Hooker will become Past President.

Final 1987 Board of Directors Meeting

Is this November 29th, Sunday, 1:30pm, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. The 1988 officers will be installed at this Meeting. As usual, a plea is made for each NCNA Club Member to send a voting Club Delegate.

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POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Two Announcements

Globe Coin Traders Club

Is an international group of involved coin hobbyists based on the Peninsula and seeks to bring "those collectors whose hobbies and interests are collecting coins and information about them from countries other than their own".

Members are from most states of the Union plus over thirty-four

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Stanislaus County Coin Club
Alameda Coin Club
Greater Houston Coin Club
Bakersfield Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Diablo Numismatic Society
San Francisco Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Livermore Valley Coin Club
Solano Silver Round Club
Reno Coin Club
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Napa Valley Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Peninsula Coin Club

Stanislaus County Coin Club Reports that its First Annual Coin Show will be this November 15, 1987, Sunday, 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Holiday Inn, 1612 Sisk Road, Modesto. Use Highway 99 and Briggsmore Exit. There will be thrity-five dealers. Free Admission. Bourse Coordinator is: "Vince Lacariere, PO Box 1401, Fremont, CA, 94588".

Alameda Coin Club Held its Annual Dinner with the San Francisco Coin Club this past September 19th at the Granada Cafe in San Francisco. Much of the credit for the ACC's recent 'go-together' advance goes to its dynamic and enthusiastic President, TOM KELLY.

Greater Houston Coin Club Sent a copy of its Double Shift which the Club does send complimentary copies to various coin clubs across our nation. Write: "Double Shift, Greater Houston Coin Club, PO Box 2693, Houston, CA, 77252".

Bakersfield Coin Club Sent one of its newsletters. This Club reports that its next Coin Show is on March 12th and 13th, 1988. Your Editor has not details as to time, location, and program. Would someone at the BCC write with this information? This Coin Club meets at the YWCA, 17th and M Streets, Bakersfield, at 7:00pm on the Second Monday.

Delta Coin Club Reports that its at July Picnic, MOSES REIS

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'clarified' a misconception as to Your Editor's "wandering thoughts" while traveling to a DCC Meeting last June which were the bases of his Editorial Comments in the July Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales. Your Editor thanks SYD KASS, hardworking DCC member, and MOSES REIS for keeping him honest, and Your Editor is also glad that he attended his first DCC Picnic back in July.

Fremont Coin Club Congratulates the Exhibit Winners at its August 2nd Coin Show: Best of Show: GARY ACQUISTAPACE, 'Silver Pesos of Modern Mexico'; First Place Adult: KEN BARR, 'Gold Love Tokens'; Second Place Adult: STAN TURRINI, 'A King's Crown', and Third Place Adult: STEVE SHOWERS, 'Who Wrote The Constitution?'; First Place Junior: AMANDA BAUER, 'When The World Was Young'; Second Place Junior: GEOFF GREEN, 'Statue of Liberty', and Third Place Junior: DINO DANIELS, 'Statue of Liberty'.

Cupertino Coin Club Had an interesting and provocative program at its September 11th Meeting, 'Numismatic Society Night', which was an "educational Show 'n Tell program" with "members asked to bring information of their favorite numismatic group". Participants were asked to "bring examples of the organization's journal, material collected, membership application blanks, and the organization's history and purpose". Participants were: NICK KOCISKO, Canadian Numismatic Association; DON BARSI, International Association of Silver Art Collectors; KEN BARR, Love Token Society; JERRY NORMAN, International Banknote Society; RON IKEBE, Commemorative Coin Guide; RON ISHIZAKI, Seated Liberty Society; DON SHATTUC, California State Numismatic Association; DAVE CIENIEWICZ, Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, and AL LO, Northern California Numismatic Association. Thanks, Mr. AL LO for the support.

San Jose Coin Club July 29th was SJCC's annual Other Hobbies Night. Participants were: GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Baseball Tickets; TIM ARCHER, Disneyland Memorabilia; DONALD BARSI, Political Buttons; DOUG DANIELS, Illegible Editor's Notes; RAY JOHNSON, Cereal Boxes Comic Pins; AL LO, Liquor Decanters; SUZANNE LO, Teddy Bears; JACK McKEAN, Glassware; STEVE and MARTHA SANFORD, American Pottery, and ED SINS, Large Model Train Engine.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Honored for 'Distinguished Service Of Over Twenty-Five Years' FRANK STRAZZARINO at its June 27th Annual Banquet. He has during his long PCNS membership served in every elected office, currently being Secretary, and on all committees. The presentation by PCNS President DAVID CEINIEWICZ was a complete surprise and rightly deserved.

Diablo Numismatic Society Has cancelled plans for its 1987 Coin Show. Emphasis will be given to having a Coin Show in December 1988. July 16th was the date for the DNS' Second Annual Picnic held at HART and BETTY FAIRCLOUGH Mt. Diablo Estate, 'FairAcre'.

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San Francisco Coin Club Held its annual Other Hobbies Night last August 25th. Participants were: FRANCE WALL, Belt Buckles; MONA VERZI, Oil Paintings; MEL KRINSKY, Golf Clubs; HALLIE KOONCE, Queen Victoria Commemorative Tins; BILL KOONCE, Post-cards and Foreign Currency, and HANS HANNSON, Stamps.

Fairfield Coin Club Held a Mini-Picnic, 'Hot-Dog Night', at its August 26th Meeting: hot-dogs and all the fixings for \$1.00. The FCC and the Vallejo Numismatic Society have joined to hold hopefully their First Annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner and Party, December 19th, Saturday Evening, at Fairfield's Anheuser-Busch Brewery. Goodie Bags, Door Prizes, Free Beer and Drinks, Good Fun, Turkey and Ham, plus over \$1000.00 declared value in the Raffle. Yes, the first-ever coin club meeting with over a \$1000.00 Raffle.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Will hold its 'Sweet 16' 16th Annual Vallejo Coin Show on April 24, 1988, Sunday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, Vallejo. The one-day Vallejo Coin Show will be a multi-event: Bourse, Exhibits, All Gold Coin Drawing, Displays, Youth Table, Information Table, and more. Write for updated information to: "VNS, PO Box 4281, Vallejo, CA, 94590".

Livermore Valley Coin Club Offers each guest "a free gift of a fifty year-old coin". Also, as another nice gesture to encourage both membership and the hobby, all local member coin dealers are listed and recognized, not advertised, in the newsletter.

Solano Silver Round Club Has a new mailing address: "PO Box 3518, Fairfield, CA, 94533". The Club's 50th Meeting was held at the Lonsdale Estate, country home of DR. HOWARD and LORI LONSDALE, which is a seventy acre ranch overlooking Napa and Solano Counties; the date was October 8th. The SSRC is attempting to issue a Fifth Anniversary .999 fine silver round early next year for its Anniversary, 1983-1988. Advance orders at \$20.00 each may be sent by December 1st to the above address.

Reno Coin Club Had its Newsletter receive a Second Place Award in the American Numismatic Association's Annual Publications Contest in the Local Numismatic Publications Division. Editor DOUGLAS McDONALD travelled to the recent ANA Convention to accept the rightly deserved Award last August 29th. In 1986, the Newsletter received an Honorable Mention.

Sacramento Valley Coin Club On August 20th presented some fifty-six 1988 Red Books and Krause Catalogs to each of the junior high school libraries within Sacramento County. "This donation was made in an attempt to reach out to potential coin collectors in this age category". Credit for this great idea, and its accomplishment, goes to 'active and dynamic' current SVCC President CHARLES 'BEN' GAY.

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Redwood Empire Coin Club Notes that its 450th Meeting will be this November 4th. The RECC, after some false starts, has set March 27, 1988, Sunday, as the date for its 1988 Coin Show. Location to be the Santa Rosa Veterans' Memorial Building.

Napa Valley Coin Club Awarded Your Editor its newest Life Membership "in recognition of his many and continuing contribution to the Club". Your Editor thanks this Club for the honor. If you meet an NVCC member, ask what happen to and where the August 17th Meeting was held, the only coin club meeting ever to be located on the sidewalk.

Fresno Numismatic Society Held its Annual Other Hobbies Night at the July 14th Meeting. Participants were: ANDY KOSIERIS, Knife Collecting; DAVE JOSEPHINE, Baseball Items; MERLE DAVIS, Clocks; PHIL NORDIN, Butterflies and Minerals; AL SCOGGAN, Marbles; JOHN PETERS, Research on Half Cents. The Editor's Report on coin shows in the October Issue of The Fresno Numismatist noted in error the the recent NCNA Coin Show and Exposition "was not well attended". Such is in error with an estimated attendance of 3500 plus, maybe starting out slow, but good by Saturday. Whatever the mis-report, Editor JOHN PETERS does an excellent job promoting and reviewing coin shows around the nation.

Peninsula Coin Club Writes that its Annual Coin Show is November 1, 1987, Sunday, 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Hyatt Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Free Admission.

Oops! Forgot to list the Gateway Coin Club. Sorry GCC.

Gateway Coin Club Reports that member GENE ANDERBERG celebrated his 77th Birthday on September 9th. It was reported that he is a Charter Member of the GCC plus "for the first ten years of our coin club, he has had perfect attendance record". The GCC manned a booth at the Merced 'Make A Circus Carnival' last August 30th. The GCC also notes that it has been contacted by a group in Hibbing, Minnesota as to advise on starting a coin club.

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countries. Membership is open to "all interested collectors". For additional information and Membership Application, write to:

Globe Coin Traders Club
Nate Shulman, President
3941 Pacific Blvd.
San Mateo, California 94403
United States

All NCNA Members are welcomed to join this organization which actively promotes international good-will.

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Spanish Fractional Banknotes

Your Editor received a letter from a fellow coin hobbyist living in Gibraltar inviting inquiries on purchasing fractional value Spanish Banknotes, low value currency to supplement coins. The particular Banknotes being offered include pre-Franco Era and Franco Era series. Inquiries may be sent to:

G. Alec
Box 293
Gibraltar
Europe

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PROOF STRIKES: Special Recognition

Your Editor Thanks These Coin Clubs

Your Editor, as Publicity Coordinator for the recent 1987 Coin Show and Exposition, thanks these following Coin Clubs for advertising via their Club's periodical this year's Coin Show and Exposition. All, long ago, should have received their 1980 Mint Set(s):

Alameda Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Reno Coin Club
Solano Silver Round Club
Stanislaus County Coin Club
Globe Coin Traders Club
Greater Houston Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
Livermore Valley Coin Club
Upland Coin Club
Bakersfield Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club

Their support is most sincerely appreciated.

NCNA President Extends Thanks

Out-going President Denis Hooker extends his most sincere thanks to those who helped to make the 1987 Coin Show and Exposition. They include: Constance Perham, Security; Ron Miller, Bourse; Edward Sins, Finances and Awards; Elmer Benson, Exhibits; Lillian Hooker, Registration; Stan Turrini, Speakers and Publicity; Dean Soderstrom, Youth Program; Dan Shattuc, Speaker Moderator; Thelma Kreig, Elections; Maxine Hopperstad, Registration, and all those who sold or bought Raffle tickets. If someone has been overlooked, please accept our most humble apologies and thanks.

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POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: This Issue

October NCNA Heads and Tales Issue

Has arrived much later in the October, and possibly on November 2nd or 3rd, then it usually does. This is solely because as is not well-known to the reader NCNA Heads and Tales remains a one-man operation. There are only so many hours in the day, and Your Editor simply cannot produce something out-of-thin-air. I regret this, but it was simply inevitable.

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